

**Southeast & Southwest Seattle Weed & Seed  
2006 RFP Information Sessions  
Questions & Answers**

**Tuesday, August 29, 2006**

**1. Does Weed & Seed have pre/post tests already in place to evaluate the indicators listed?**

No. The RFI asks applicants to describe what evaluation tools they will use for their program. Weed & Seed does not have pre/post surveys for programs to use.

**2. Are youth serving on the Weed & Seed Steering Committee? Can youth earn community service hours by serving on the Steering Committee?**

There is one college student currently on the Steering Committee. If a youth is interested in serving on the Steering Committee, we would be willing to work with him or her to gain service hours or school credit. If you would like to recommend a youth to be on the Steering Committee, please talk with Barb Biondo 206-323-9671 or Suni Tolton 206-684-0114.

**3. Under the Priority Population section, it lists youth who have a history of truancy, school disciplinary action, or low school achievement. It is difficult for programs to gain information grades and attendance information from schools. How will agencies show a relationship with schools or verify truancy?**

The RFI asks for agencies to describe their relationships with schools or other partners. Weed & Seed expects that agencies with strong relationships schools will have procedures to obtain student information, such as working with school staff or the family.

**4. The RFI says services are for low-income youth. Does Weed & Seed require Workforce Investment Act (WIA) income verification documentation?**

No, Weed & Seed does not require WIA income verification. We expect that programs will focus on serving low-income youth and have agency procedures for verifying low-income status.

**5. Are stipends allowed in the budget?**

The Weed & Seed funds can not be used for stipends. Drug Free Communities funds can be used for minimal stipend amounts.

**6. Can we serve a youth who is out-of-school, doesn't live in the Weed & Seed area, and goes to a school out of the Weed & Seed area?**

No. The program focus is to serve residents of the Weed & Seed area, or those who go to school in the Weed & Seed area. A youth who doesn't live or go to school in the Weed & Seed area doesn't fit the priority population requirements.

**7. Will the \$95,000 of Weed & Seed funds go to one agency? How many agencies will be funded?**

We have not predetermined the number of agencies that will receive Weed & Seed funds. It is highly unlikely that \$95,000 will go to one agency. Currently, five agencies receive

Southeast Weed & Seed funding and four agencies receive the Southwest funds. The Weed & Seed Steering Committee may fund fewer agencies in this process with expectations that agencies will have stronger and more active partnership with Weed & Seed activities. The \$20,000 Drug Free Communities funds will be awarded to one agency.

**Thursday, August 31, 2006**

**1. Please give an example of active partnership between law enforcement and a social service agency.**

The partnership with law enforcement could include the police, courts, probation officers, or other legal institution. In the past, social service partners have invited police to interact with youth in program activities. Weed & Seed has funded events like the “Donut Dialogues” and “Role Reversals” in which youth and police come together to talk and learn about each others’ perspectives. We are looking for partnerships that promote communication between youth, community-based organizations, and law enforcement.

**2. When is the Southeast community safety meeting?**

Each Weed & Seed site has a monthly community safety meeting in which residents and members of law enforcement discuss safety and problem-solve issues. Agencies funded by Weed & Seed are encouraged to attend to these monthly meetings. In the Southeast site, the Southeast Seattle Crime Prevention Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Southeast Senior Center. In the Southwest, the White Center-South Delridge Safety Coalition meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. For more information on these meetings, contact Barb Biondo 206-323-9671 or Suni Tolton 206-684-0114.

**3. What is the other Drug Free Communities fund available?**

Drug Free Communities has a Drug & Alcohol Prevention Fund available on an on-going basis for up to \$1,500 per event. Applications must be submitted at least four weeks in advance of the event for approval by the Weed & Seed Subcommittee. For more information, contact Kathy Kaminski, the Drug Free Communities Program Coordinator at 206-767-0760 or [Kathy@sngi.org](mailto:Kathy@sngi.org) or Suni Tolton at 206-684-0114.

**4. Who are the key staff that will be invited to interviews?**

If invited for an interview, the agency will be asked to bring key staff who are responsible for the program implementation, including the direct service staff and supervisor.

**5. Is the agency’s Executive Director required to attend the interview?**

In the Weed & Seed interview process, the agency’s Executive Director is not required to attend because the agency’s Executive director may not be involved in service delivery. The agency is responsible for identifying the key staff who attend the interview.

**6. Why do you have interviews?**

Interviews have been helpful in answering questions about the program that may not have been clearly reflected in the proposal. The RFI Review Committee members find interviews especially helpful when the rating process is particularly competitive.

**7. How much money is available for each site? How much is available for direct services?**

There is \$95,000 of Weed & Seed funds for the Southeast site and \$95,000 of Weed & Seed funds for the Southwest site. The Weed & Seed funds can be used for direct services or other types of programs. There is \$20,000 of Drug Free Communities funding available in only the Southwest site. These funds must be used for direct services.

**8. What is the reimbursement process?**

Agencies will have cost-reimbursable contracts with the City of Seattle Human Services Department. Agencies must submit monthly narrative reports and invoices for reimbursement.

**9. Can you clarify the opportunities for future funding?**

Agencies funded through this RFI process may receive funding for up to three years (2007, 2008, & 2009). Future funding is contingent on available funding and successful program performance.